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TO: GENERAL SCOWCROFT  
FROM: DICK KENNEDY *[Signature]*  
SUBJECT: Turkish Opium Production

Hal Horan and Applebaum wanted to get following to your attention:

We are briefing the Secretary on a FBIS item quoting Ankara's Domestic Service, July 1, to the effect Turkish Council of Ministers has decided to permit cultivation of opium poppy in seven provinces.

As you know, we have pending an action memo for the President from the Secretary that gives two options should the Turks resume production (NSC Log Number 1630):

1. Maintain a completely negative stance, even threatening to cut off military and economic aid;
2. Seek to work cooperatively with the Government of Turkey in order to design a program involving some level of poppy growing that insures diversion of opiates to illicit channels is minimized (recommended option).

We have discussed these options with Sheldon Vance, who has also been in telephonic contact with Macomber. The view is that it is premature to determine what our stance with the Turks should be until we have more details on the program, particularly with regard to what safeguards the Turkish government intends to introduce to prevent diversion of the opium through illicit channels. Macomber is seeking an appointment with Prime Minister Ecevit to discuss the matter in detail.

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For the moment State press guidance is to indicate we would prefer not to comment until we have more information.

The announcement is not without its domestic angle in Turkey and a reaction by the military (Sancar, Chief of Turkish General Staff) is not to be ruled out.

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